Psychology
2026-2027
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Prep period: 4A Office: 118E/Classroom 113E

Course Objective and Description:

The goal of this course is to help students understand and explain the scientific study of behavior. Course materials will be presented through a variety of methods including: lecture/discussion, case studies, reflective writing, and videos

- lesson plans and due dates will be posted in Schoology

Communication:

- Class Updates/Changes: Keep an eye on Schoology!
- Email or Schoology message: (*this is my preferred method of communication*)
  - Email: jmckinnon@west-fargo.k12.nd.us
  - Messages will be checked throughout the school day 8:00am-4:00pm
  - Include your class and period in the email message
- Phone: 701) 371-9370
  - Messages will be checked during school hours (8:00am-4:00pm)
  - Include the class and period you are asking about
- Links to join Teams meetings will be on Schoology if need arises

Grading:

- Quarter grades will be calculated based on total points
- Quarter 1 = 50% Quarter 2 = 50%
- Late work: 1 day late = half credit, work turned in more than 1 day late is not worth points
  - Assignments will be due at the beginning of the period, unless otherwise stated
  - (extensions may be granted at teacher's discretion, *only if discussed prior to due date)*
- NO CREDIT WILL BE EARNED DURING UNEXCUSED ABSENCES
- Cheating will result in a 0 for that task (for all parties involved)

Materials:

- Required: notebook or other paper, pen/pencil and iPad (charged)
- Optional: folder and colored pencils
- Textbooks will be provided and may be kept at home

Participation and behavior expectations:

- The following items are required for class: paper, pen/pencil and iPad (charged)
- Class begins when the bell rings/at the start of the period
- Be in your desk when the bell rings. Use only your assigned desk. No lining up at the door!!
- **Use of iPads during notes and other forms of direct instruction is NOT allowed**
- NORTH DAKOTA CELL PHONE BAN WILL BE ENFORCED
    - Cell phones must be out-of-sight and out-of-use from the beginning of the school day until the end of the school day, this includes passing times and applies to all spaces, including hallways
    - Cell phones WILL be taken if in use or in sight
- No earbuds unless specifically instructed to use for a class activity
- WFHS FOOD & DRINK POLICIES WILL BE ENFORCED
    - No food in classrooms (unless provided by teacher) – this includes candy
    - All drinks must be in a container with non-spill lid
    - **Drinks NOT in a non-spill container will be directed to be thrown away**
- Stay on task, pay attention, take notes and participate in discussions/activities
    - iPads must be connected to Apple Classroom!
- Signing out will be limited to emergencies only – eHall Pass required
- All work must be completely independently, unless specifically instructed otherwise by Mrs. McKinnon. Working together without permission will be considered as cheating.